

## Lake Oroville Recreation Visitor Questionnaire

1. Have you been to the Lake Oroville area before? See map on page 2 for "Lake Oroville area"
  - ☐ No ➡ (Go to Question 5)
  - ☐ Yes ➡ If Yes, do you consider yourself: (Check one)
    - ☐ A regular visitor to this area (3 or more times per year)
    - ☐ An occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
    - ☐ An infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
2. Do you visit the Lake Oroville area year round?
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No ➡ If No, (Check all seasons during which you have visited)
    - ☐ Spring      ☐ Summer      ☐ Fall      ☐ Winter
3. When you make a trip to the Lake Oroville area, which of the following areas do you generally visit? (Circle all numbers that apply) (Refer to map)
 

1. Lake Oroville	4. Oroville Wildlife Area
2. Thermalito Forebay	5. Clay Pit OHV Area
3. Thermalito Afterbay	6. Feather River below Lake Oroville (including the Diversion Pool)
4. Of the above areas, which do you visit most? (Check one number from above)
 

1 ☐    2 ☐    3 ☐    4 ☐    5 ☐    6 ☐
5. At this location during the summer period, how crowded do you feel during:
  - A. Holiday Weekends
 

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9

Not at all                      Slightly                      Moderately                      Extremely

Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded
  - B. Weekends:
 

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9

Not at all                      Slightly                      Moderately                      Extremely

Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded
  - C. Weekdays:
 

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9

Not at all                      Slightly                      Moderately                      Extremely

Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded
6. How many people in your group today, including yourself, are visiting the Lake Oroville area?
 

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_
7. On this trip, are you staying overnight at the Lake Oroville area?
  - ☐ No (Go to question 9)
  - ☐ Yes ➡ If Yes, how many nights will you stay in the area? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where will you stay?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground ____ (# of nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat-in campground ____ (# of nights)
<input type="checkbox"/> Floating campground ____ (# of nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> Motel/hotel ( <input type="checkbox"/> In Oroville) ____ (# of nights)
<input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat ____ (# of nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> B&B ( <input type="checkbox"/> In Oroville) ____ (# of nights)
9. Briefly describe why you chose the Lake Oroville area on this trip rather than other recreation areas in northern California.
 

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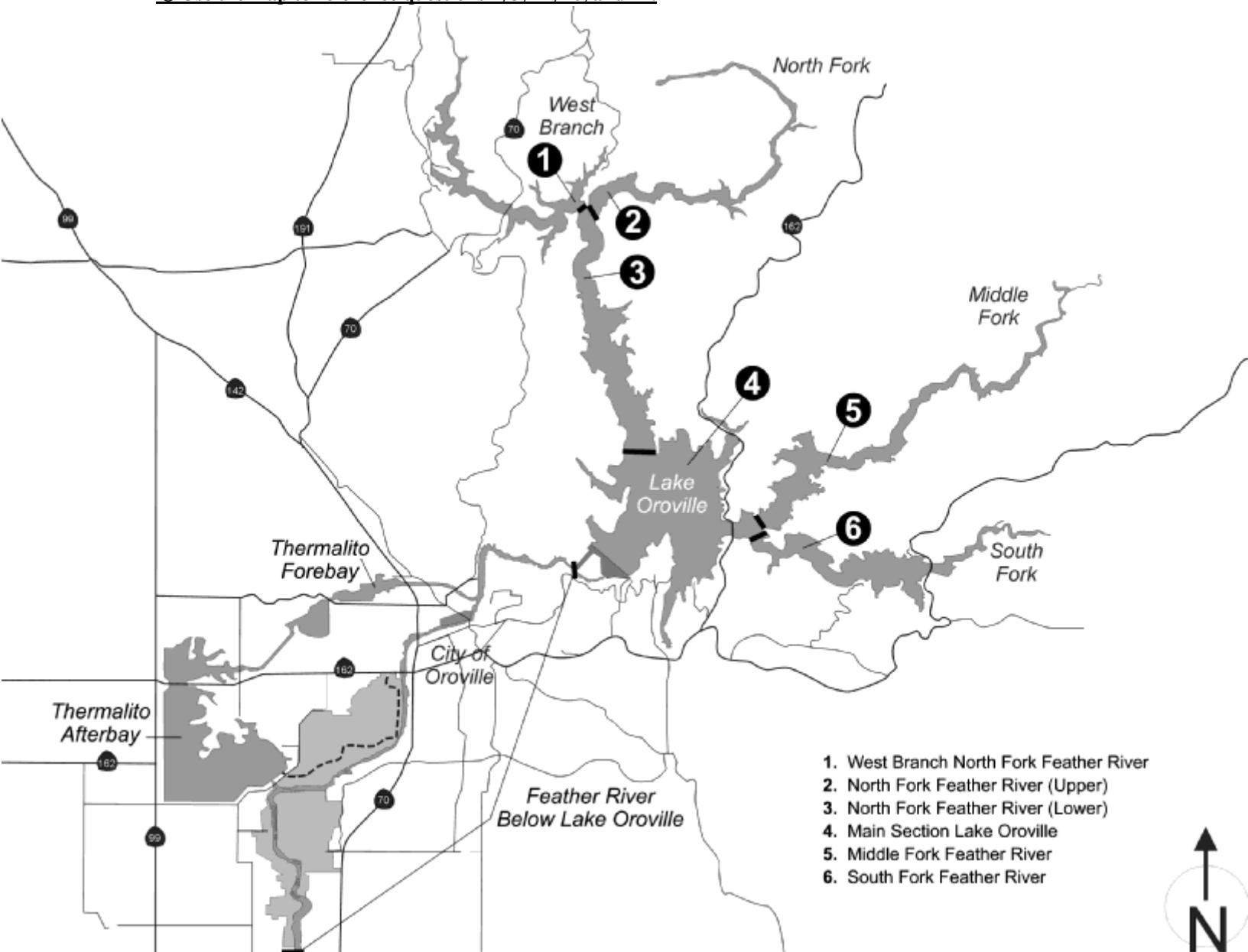
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10. On this trip to the Lake Oroville area, in which of the following activities do you expect to, or will you participate?

*(Check all that apply)*

- |   |   |  |                                    |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing      | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking              | 27. <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                           | 40. <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing      | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Motor boating            | 28. <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                       |                                    |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming          | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> House boating            | 29. <input type="checkbox"/> Painting /drawing                 |                                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbathing        | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> PWC use                  | 30. <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing                          |                                    |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking            | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing                  | 31. <input type="checkbox"/> Rock collecting                   |                                    |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing       | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking                 | 32. <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking                       |                                    |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Nature study      | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing                 | 33. <input type="checkbox"/> Movies and theater                |                                    |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking        | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing              | 34. <input type="checkbox"/> Shop (art/clothes/antiques)       |                                    |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Golf              | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Water ski/Wake board     | 35. <input type="checkbox"/> Museum/art gallery/historic site  |                                    |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis           | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting                  | 36. <input type="checkbox"/> Concert/festival/tournament/event |                                    |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | 24. <input type="checkbox"/> Bike on roads/paths      | 37. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend educational events         |                                    |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> RV camping       | 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike on trails. | 38. <input type="checkbox"/> Amusement park                    |                                    |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Tent camping     | 26. <input type="checkbox"/> Off Highway Vehicle      | 39. <input type="checkbox"/> Dining out at restaurants/bars    |                                    |

☺ Use the map to reference questions 1, 3, 14, 26, and 27.



11. Of the activities you checked above, what are the top three that you participated in on this visit?  
*(Write in the corresponding number from above)* #1 activity\_\_\_ #2 activity\_\_\_ #3 activity\_\_\_

12. What type of setting do you most prefer for general outdoor recreation? *(Check one)*

- ☐ Natural and undeveloped areas
- ☐ Developed nature-oriented parks and recreation areas
- ☐ Highly developed parks and recreation areas
- ☐ Private, outdoor recreation areas and facilities

13. Regarding the scenery of Lake Oroville area, how did it look to you today?

- ☐ Extremely unappealing
- ☐ Very unappealing
- ☐ Unappealing
- ☐ Neither unappealing or appealing
- ☐ Appealing
- ☐ Very appealing
- ☐ Extremely appealing

**Anglers Only.** If you don't fish in the Lake Oroville area, skip to question 21.

14. Have you ever fished in the Lake Oroville area before?

- ☐ No. ☐ Yes. ➡ (If Yes, indicate number(s) of area from map \_\_\_\_\_)

15. Please indicate how crowded you felt at the area you fished today. (*circle the correct number*)

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9  
 Not at all                      Slightly                      Moderately                      Extremely  
 Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded                      Crowded

16. Have you participated in fishing tournaments in the Lake Oroville area in the last 2 years?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

17. Have you ever used a fishing guide in the Lake Oroville area?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes ➡ If yes, for what area?
- ☐ Lake Oroville
  - ☐ Feather River below Lake Oroville
  - ☐ Thermalito Afterbay
  - ☐ Thermalito Forebay
  - ☐ Middle Fork Feather River
  - ☐ North Fork Feather River

18. Complete the following table about the species you are fishing for today, whether you caught any, and where appropriate, the number of fish caught. Check all categories that apply.

Are you fishing for:	Have you caught any?			Number caught?	Size Categories			
					6-12"	13-20"	21-30"	30"+
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Bass								
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunfish								
<input type="checkbox"/> Catfish								
<input type="checkbox"/> Crappie								
<input type="checkbox"/> Trout	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild	<input type="checkbox"/> Hatchery	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know					
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild	<input type="checkbox"/> Hatchery	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know					

18b. How long have you been fishing today? \_\_\_\_HOURS

19. Regarding fishing regulations:

Do you feel knowledgeable about them? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you feel they allow a quality recreation experience? ☐ No ☐ Yes

20. Do current regulations affect the satisfaction of your experience?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes ➡ If Yes, negatively ☐ or positively ☐

**Non-motorized Trail Users Only.** If you don't use trails in the Lake Oroville area, skip to question 26.

21. Please specify your primary type of trail use: ☐ Bike ☐ Hike ☐ Equestrian ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

22. Is this your first time using trails in the area? ☐ No ☐ Yes

23. Please indicate how crowded you felt on the trail you used today. *(Circle a number)*

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9  
 Not at all Slightly Moderately Extremely  
 Crowded Crowded Crowded Crowded

24a. On this trip, did you have any conflicts on the trail with other users?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes

24b. Regarding user conflicts on trails: With whom have you had conflicts? *(Check any that apply)*

☐ Bicyclists ☐ Equestrians ☐ Hikers ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

25. Overall, are you satisfied with the condition of Lake Oroville area trails? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If NO, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**River and Reservoir Boaters Only.** If you did not boat on this trip, please skip to question 37.

26. On this trip, at what site did you **primarily** boat? *(Select one area) (Refer to map for sections)*

- ☐ Lake Oroville ➡ **Which section?** \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Thermalito Forebay ☐ Feather River below Lake Oroville  
☐ Thermalito Afterbay ☐ North Fork Feather River  
☐ Oroville Wildlife Area ☐ Middle Fork Feather River

27. On this trip, did you experience conflict with other users on the water today?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes ➡ If Yes, where \_\_\_\_\_ *(Refer to map)*  
 Briefly describe the conflict \_\_\_\_\_

28. Did you experience any unsafe boating activity today?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes ➡ (If Yes, briefly describe unsafe activity \_\_\_\_\_)

29. Please indicate how crowded you felt on the water today? *(Circle a number)*.

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9  
 Not at all Slightly Moderately Extremely  
 Crowded Crowded Crowded Crowded

30. What type of watercraft do you **primarily** use? *(Check one)*

- ☐ Runabout/ Pontoon/ Cabin cruiser/ Ski/ Motorboat  
☐ Houseboat  
☐ Sailboat  
☐ Canoe/Kayak  
☐ PWC (jet ski/ wave runner/etc.)

31. Do you own or rent the watercraft, mentioned in Question 30, you **primarily** use? ☐ Own ☐ Rent

32. For the watercraft you primarily use, do you dock/moor it at Lake Oroville? ☐ Yes: ☐ No  
☐ Year round  
☐ Seasonal

33. Have you ever used one of the boat launches in the Lake Oroville area?

- ☐ No ➡ (Skip to Question 37)  
☐ Yes ➡ (Proceed to the next question)

34. What of the following boat launches do you use? (Mark all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Lime Saddle           | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Canyon Car-Top    | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Thermalito Afterbay Monument Hill |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Bidwell Canyon        | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Stringtown Car-Top     | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Thermalito Afterbay Larkin Road   |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Loafer Creek          | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Nelson Bar Car-Top     | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Div. Pool-Burma Rd/RR Grade       |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise            | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Vinton Gulch Car-Top  | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> N. Thermalito Forebay | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreman Creek Car-Top | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> S. Thermalito Forebay |  |  |

35. Which boat launch do you use most frequently? \_\_\_\_\_ (Write in number from above)

36. Do you typically have to wait to use the boat launch you most frequently use?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes ➡ If Yes, on average, how many minutes do you have to wait to use this ramp?  
 Number of minutes \_\_\_\_\_

*Finally*, we would like to know something about you. This information will not be distributed or sold to any other group for any purpose. All responses will be kept confidential. Responses to the following questions are **OPTIONAL**.

37. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Some high school  
☐ High school graduate  
☐ Some college  
☐ Bachelor's degree or equivalent  
☐ Master's degree or equivalent  
☐ Ph.D., J.D., M.D., or equivalent

38. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ years

39. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ occupation

40. Please mark the category that represents your total household income before taxes. (Optional)

- ☐ Less than \$20,000  
☐ \$20,000-\$40,000  
☐ \$40,000-\$60,000  
☐ \$60,000-\$80,000  
☐ \$80,000-\$100,000  
☐ More than \$100,000

41. Of the choices listed below, with which ethnic group do you most closely identify? (Optional)

- ☐ Latino/Hispanic  
☐ White/Anglo (non Hispanic)  
☐ Asian  
☐ African American/Black  
☐ American Indian/Alaska Native  
☐ Pacific Islander/ native Hawaiian  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your participation in this important recreation study!**

42. Do you have any additional comments?

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So that we can find out more about what you think about uses and facilities in the Lake Oroville area, we would like to send you a brief follow-up questionnaire. Your address will remain confidential and won't be used for any other purpose. To show our appreciation for completing and mailing back the follow-up questionnaire, we'll also send you a complementary visitor's map of Lake Oroville.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*For office use.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_